



HOW TO RESIST THE FAR RIGHT

Ways you can help build community in Sheffield





Build your local community

Building community solidarity and strengthening local connections is one of the most powerful things we can do. Knowing our local community means we can offer mutual support when times are hard, care for each other always, and share times of joy.

Connect with local groups in your area. Consider mutual aid groups, community centers, charities, youth groups, religious groups or campaigning groups. This work will be a long journey, and this is just the beginning. Find a group where you feel you can build a sense of community and contribute your time to.

There are lots of groups that have been working tirelessly over the last week to coordinate a community response alongside City of Sanctuary Sheffield. Two being Sheffield Anti-Facist Network @sheffield_afn and Anti Raids Sheffield @antiraidssheffield.





Check-in on your friends

Check in on your friends, family and community members that are most vulnerable. People of colour, people seeking asylum, refugees and Muslims are facing the sharp end of this violence. More love, support, empathy, care and solidarity will make us stronger.



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**BUILD THE WORLD WE
WANT TO SEE**



£7,301 raised of £15,000 target • 110 donations

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Help build places of safety in our City.

The Sanctuary is a unique space; working to be a place of physical, mental, and emotional safety for refugees and people seeking asylum in the heart of Sheffield. It is a place where people find advocacy, solidarity, advice and community. It is open when others remain closed and for many people it is a home from home.

We need to raise £15,000 to transform it into a more useful and beautiful space for the 1,500 people seeking sanctuary who are welcomed there each month, ensuring it continues to be a vital resource for those in need.

Donate via the link in our bio.





End Racist Rhetoric. End Racist Riots.

In parliament, in the media, and on our social media screens, hostile and dehumanising rhetoric has led to divided communities and a sharp rise in far-right activity. This must end.

City of Sanctuary UK's 'Speak up For Sanctuary' handbook will give you the tools and confidence to challenge hateful rhetoric and speak up for refugee rights. In order to achieve real lasting systemic change in the way people seeking sanctuary are treated, we must shift public attitudes. The way to do this is through conversations, lots of them. Effectively speaking to family members, neighbours, colleagues or change makers who hold differing opinions to our own in order to bridge divides.

Search 'Speak Up For Sanctuary: The Handbook' to access this resource.





Letters of Solidarity

Join us in writing messages of compassion, solidarity and welcome to people seeking asylum, refugees and all those at the sharp end of this violence.

Let's drown out the hate with messages of love.

Get in touch with City of Sanctuary Sheffield if you are able to get involved.





Accompanying and Buddying

People seeking asylum who are living in hotels are especially vulnerable to harm. There is a coordinated response to reduce the potential for harm by setting up a buddy system. Accompanying targeted communities to appointments with solicitors or health appointments or to allow them to attend meetings and engage safely with our community response.

There will also be other coordinated actions for people to offer solidarity and care to all those living in asylum accommodation. Get in touch with City of Sanctuary Sheffield if you have time or resources you can give and to be added to the chat coordinating this response.





Abolish Reporting

Abolish Reporting is a national campaign calling for a world built on principles of care, not surveillance. Anyone who is waiting for a final decision on their application to live in the UK can be required to regularly travel to “sign on” at an Immigration Reporting Centre. Every appointment carries the risk of being randomly taken to a detention centre and threatened with deportation. Reporting conditions amount to unfair, unjust and unnecessary harassment of migrants, and is especially dangerous in the face of far-right attacks. It must be abolished.

Search Abolish Reporting to get involved with this campaign led by Migrants Organise.